

To the FCC as comment pertaining to proceeding number 09-182, eliminating rule that media corporations may not own multiple media outlets in single markets;

It has come to my attention that the FCC is considering eliminating a rule limiting media corporations to owning more media outlets in a single market. It also has come to my attention that the FCC is considering this move without soliciting any public input. Here is my “public input”.

The number and diversity of independent large media corporations has been so sharply reduced over the last 50 years that even now our news is provided by only a few mega corporations through their various multi-media outlets. As a result, the consumer ends up hearing the same perspective on various issues in print and TV news, limiting our ability to hear or read other objective perspectives.

It is shameful that the FCC would consider unilaterally changing the rule without public input and behind closed doors. Previous attempts to change this rule have always been brought to the public for comment prior to the change even being considered. However, now the FCC appears to not want the public to discuss (or even know about?) this since the public would likely have major objections to a reversal of this long-standing rule, as they expressed during the 1990’s when this change was considered previously.

Allowing the mega media corporations to obtain ownership of as many media outlets in a single market as they can, without regulations from the FCC, is clearly **not in the public interest**. The FCC would be facilitating the mega media corporations to continue to build more monopolies, thereby reducing independent sources and perspectives on a wide range of issues.

The role of the FCC is to provide oversight for managing the PUBLIC’S airwaves and media sourcing. This change of the rule in proceeding number 09-182 is nothing but the government’s “blind-eye” to facilitating the mega-media corporations’ tightening of their monopolistic hold of “group-thought” and limiting the consumers’ right to diversity of independent thought and opinions.